1 TRAPANI 2 Α. She ran through the Merc area 3 knocked over a few fixtures. 4 Q. Do you know what type of fixtures? 5 6 Α. No. 7 Ο. Was she running in a straight 8 line or did she have to go around customers 9 because it was crowded? 10 Α. She just barreled through. 11 Q. About how far behind her was 12 Daniel or Frankie while she was running 13 through the Merc area? Maybe 20 feet. 14 Α. 15 Ο. How would you describe their pace, were they running or walking fast, 16 17 what kind of pace were they doing? They were walking as quickly as 18 Α. 19 they could without injuring anyone. 20 Ο. Were either of one of them 21 running? 22 Α. As fast as they could, I 23 wouldn't say running, I would say walking 24 quickly.

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They were going in the same

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Q.

1		TRAPANI
2	direction, but	behind where the young lady
3	was going?	
4	Α. Υ	es.
5	Q. Wi	nat did you observe next?
6	A. Si	ne knocked the young lady,
7	woman over.	
8	Q. Do	you recall where that
9	happened, was	that in the Merc section?
10	А. У	es.
11	Q. Wa	as, in other words, is there
12	any designation	on where it happened other than
13	the Merc secti	ion like next to a certain
14	fixture that	is always there, something
15	else?	
16	A. No	o.
17	Q. Di	d you actually see that this
18	woman pushed t	this old woman down?
19	А. У	es.
20	Q. Co	ould you describe for me how
21	that happened?	
22	A. Sh	ne was running.
23	Q. Th	ne young lady?
24	A. Sh	ne was running, she just pushed
25	people out of	her way and apparently the

1		TRAPANI
2	woman was n	mext to, we have a wall there,
3	like a colu	umn, and when she ran, I guess,
4	because the	column was there, she just
5	pushed the	older woman over.
6	Q.	Did she push the old woman from
7	behind, fro	om the side, from the front, any
8	way you can	describe it?
9	Α.	I would say that if you were in
10	football an	d you were checking somebody she
11	ran this wa	Y• .
12	Q.	Was it running from behind the
13	old woman?	
14	Α.	Facing.
15	Q.	It was like a head-on collision?
16	Α.	Yes.
17	Q.	Would you describe it as a
18	collision?	I don't want to characterize
19	it.	
20	Α.	Well,
21	Q.	How would you describe the
22	contact?	
23		MR. WHITTON: What part of the
24	shopli	fter's body came into the woman's
25	body?	

1	TRAPANI
2	Q. Yes.
3	A. Looked like she ran into her.
4	Q. How would you describe the
5	impact contact; light, medium, heavy?
6	A. She hit her pretty hard.
7	Q. Before this woman contacted the
8	old woman you said you saw her contact many
9	other people?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. Was she knocking people over
12	before the old woman or was she kind of
13	nudging them to the side?
14	A. Pushing them out of the way.
15	Q. Was she running, when there was
16	contact with this old woman?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. The old woman, did you see was
19	she stopped, was she walking in the opposite
20	direction, how would you describe what she
21	was doing?
22	A. She was walking toward the girl.
23	Q. When the contact occurred, did
24	it cause the old woman to fall in any
25	direction?

1		TRAPANI
2	Α.	Yes.
3	Q.	Which way did she fall?
4	А.	The girl was running this way,
5	the woman w	as running walking toward her
6	(indicating).
7	Q.	In the opposite direction?
8	Α.	Yes.
9	Q.	The woman fell back?
10	Α.	Fell backward.
11	Q.	When she fell, did she fall, did
12	she hit any	thing or contact anything such
13	has that co	lumn, any kind of merchandise?
14	Α.	No merchandise.
15	Q.	Do you know if she actually fell
16	to the ground?	
17	Α.	Yes, she did.
18	Q.	Do you know what, did you
19	actually se	e her fall to the ground, what
20	part of her	body fell to the ground?
21	Α.	She just fell this way on the
22	ground (ind	icating).
23	Q.	Just backward?
24	Α.	Yes.
25	Q.	Then what happened, where was

1	TRAPANI
2	Daniel and Frankie in relation to the old
3	woman when that contact occurred?
4	A. Maybe eight feet approximately
5	behind.
6	Q. Approximately eight feet behind
7	the shoplifter?
8	A. Yes.
9	Q. At that point, how would you
10	describe their pace; running, walking
11	quickly, something else?
12	A. I would say quickly walking.
13	Q. The contact with the old woman,
14	did it cause the shoplifter to remain there
15	for a minute, did she fall as well?
16	A. She fell because she ran over a
17	bulk stack that we had.
18	MR. WHITTON : Objection. Move
19	to strike as not responsive.
20	Q. After the contact with the
21	woman, what did you observe about the young
22	lady, the alleged shoplifter?
23	A. She fell.
24	Q. She fell over a bulk stack?
25	A. Yes.

1		TRAPANI
2	Q.	What is that?
3	Α.	Same kind of merchandise in a
4	small area.	
5	Q.	How far away was this bulk stand
6	away from t	he old woman?
7	Α.	Maybe four feet.
8	Q.	Did the shoplifter fall forward?
9	Α.	I couldn't tell you which way
10	see fell.	
11	Q.	After she fell forward, what
12	happened ne	xt?
13	Α.	Frankie and Daniel picked her
14	up.	
15	Q.	How many seconds later, was it
16	immediately	?
17	Α.	It was immediate.
18	Q.	They picked her up. What
19	happened ne	xt?
20	Α.	They put her inside the loss
21	prevention	room.
22	Q.	Was that the same office that
23	she was ori	ginally?
24	A.	Correct.
25	Q.	Did they take her back forcibly?

1	TRAPANI
2	MR. WHITTON: If you know, don't
3	guess.
4	A. Well, she didn't walk freely.
5	Q. Did they bind her at all at that
6	point?
7	A. No.
8	Q. They brought her back to the
9	office?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. Where were you during this whole
12	time period, were you walking, or were you
13	stationary in the same area outside that
14	office?
15	MR. WHITTON: What time period?
16	Q. When the lady fled out of the
17	office, Daniel and Frankie walked quickly
18	after her. Did you remain in that one area
19	right outside the office, or did you
20	continue walking like after them?
21	A. I was walking after them.
22	Q. How far from the old woman were
23	you when the contact occurred with the
24	shoplifter and the older woman?
25	A. Maybe five feet.

1		TRAPANI
2	Q.	You were able to see the whole
3	thing?	
4	A.	Yes.
5	Q.	There was nothing obstructing
6	your view?	
7	A.	There was people walking.
8	Q.	After the woman was down, did
9	you walk or	ver to the woman?
10	Α.	Yes.
11	Q.	Were there any other Circuit
12	City employ	vee with you when this woman was
13	on the grou	ind?
14	Α.	Not at that time.
15	Q.	Did you have a conversation with
16	the woman t	that was down?
17	A.	Briefly.
18	Q.	What was the nature of that
19	conversation	on?
20	A.	I asked her if she was okay.
21	Q.	What did she say?
22	Α.	It was hard to understand her.
23	Q.	Did she seems like she was in
24	pain or was	there a language barrier, why
25	was it diff	ficult to understand her?

1		TRAPANI
2		MR. WHITTON: Objection to
3	form.	You can answer.
4	Α.	She didn't speak English very
5	well.	
6	Q.	Could you describe the old woman
7	for me like	how old, if you know?
8	Α.	I don't know. I don't.
9	Q.	White, black, Asian, something
10	else?	
11	Α.	White.
12	Q.	To your knowledge, she wasn't
13	speaking Eng	glish?
14	Α.	Not that I understand.
15	Q.	Or if she did it wasn't clear?
16	Α.	Correct.
17	Q.	To your knowledge, do you know
18	if she was a	customer in the store at the
19	time of this	s incident?
20	Α.	Yes.
21	Q.	After you briefly spoke to her,
22	what happene	ed next; did you help her up,
23	someone else	help her up, did she stay down,
24	something el	se?
25	Α.	Grabbed another associate and

1 TRAPANI 2 asked her to stay there with her. 3 Q. Did the associate do so? 4 Α. Yes. 5 Q. Did you stay there as well? 6 Α. For a few seconds only. 7 Did you ever see how the old Q. 8 woman got up? 9 Α. No. Did you, after that initial 10 Q. conversation, did you ever have another 11 conversation with that woman? 12 Α. 13 No. 14 Q. Do you know what, if anything, 15 other employees did for that woman after the fall? 16 17 Α. No. I just want to go back to clear 18 Ο. 19 something up. Approximately how much 20 distance separated you from the old woman when the contact occurred with the old woman 21 22 and the shoplifter? I was behind Daniel and Frankie. 23 Α. 24 Ο. Approximately how far away from 25 the woman would you say?

1		TRAPANI
2	Α.	I would say I was probably about
3	four feet b	ehind them when they ran.
4	Q.	You were four feet behind Daniel
5	and Frankie	?
6	Α.	Right.
7	Q.	How far away were they from the
8	shoplifter	when the contact occurred?
9	А.	Almost right there, I would say
10	three feet,	four feet.
11	Q.	Because you were behind Daniel
12	and Frankie	, did that obstruct your view of
13	what was ha	ppening between the shoplifter
14	and the old	woman?
15	Α.	Not really.
16	Q.	At that point when you were four
17	feet behind	Daniel and Frankie, how were
18	they walkin	g; quickly, running, something
19	else at tha	t point?
20	Α.	They were running.
21	Q.	At that point?
22	Α.	Right.
23	Q.	At what point did they start
24	running?	
25	Α.	Well, there was a clear path